SALKAHACHIE.

Another Account of the Crossing of that Famous Swamp.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE:



vision, Seventeenth this event.

cross that swamp, and we have been some- and thinking his prisoner would suffer from what amused at their eagerness to duck one | the cold the Sergeant gave his overcoat to him. another; never, apparently, thinking that they | The prisoner took the coat, but immediately might all yet be ducked by some bystauder called the Sergeant and handed his coat back, they had not noticed. And we have wondered | with the remark that he, the Sergeant, would if our comrades of the First Division never | need it most; and while in the act-having a knew that the Fourth Division (Maj.-Gen. Giles | knife concealed in the other hand-he struck A. Smith commanding) were across that swamp | the Sergeant under the left ear, severing the before any of them. Such was the fact, and the | large vein of his neck, and he bled to death in real cause of the weakening of the Johnnies at | a very short time.

mishers, and at them we went. We struck the | who was then a candidate for President. there was better game just shead, and that was what we were just then interested in more than combread and beef. We don't want any comrade to think we have a great story of charges and counter-charges to tell, for we have not. Neither did we plant any flags on any works except our own. What Johnnies there were left as soon as they could decently and in order-that is to say, they kept at long range and did not interfere with the crossing of the rest of the Fourth Division. Now it is not likely that as the head of this column reached the Johnnies' side of the swamp by not later than 3:30 p. m., and the entire division was over and fortified before sundown, the rebels at the bridge knew of it, and that was the real cause of their giving way at dark?

We so understood it at that time, but the rebels never came and told us that that was why they left. Gen. Smith did not furnish each private with a copy of his Special Order, telling us how we had flanked the Johanies at the bridge, and therefore we have no order of the subject, but write from memory and notes (a diary, if you please) made at the time.

That night it rained, and as all the field officers, from a Major-General down to the Orderlies, had to leave their horses and cross as high privates, we had some fun out of them, for all the shelter they could get and all they had to eat, they got from the rank and file, and they were glad to crawl into a pup tent for the night. But we will say our officers never held themselves aloof from their men, and were not above speaking to a private, and in return were respected and loved by their men. In this case it was not "go in boys," but "come on, boys," as Smith and Potts both marched at the head of the procession, and all that kept the men from joking them was the necessity to keep still. We will say here that while we were crossing our bands, stationed on high ground back of our late camp, were making all the noise they were capable of making, and that was not a little.

Now, comrades of the First Division, we don't intend to steal any of your glory nor flags. Old Joe was a "fighter from way back," and all the honor you gained on the 3d of February your are entitled to; but don't forget that the Fourth Division crossed that swamp.

Gen. Sherman, in his Memoirs, Vol. 2, page 281, says: "The Seventeenth Corps did not enter the city at all," speaking of Columbia. The consolidated 53d and 41st Ill, did enter and pass through Columbia. That much we know, for we were there and in the ranks. We had been left at the postoon bridge, above the | EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: city, till it was taken up, and suppose that is the reason for our passing through the city .-D. C. KRONE, Co. E, 41st Ill., and Co. K, 53d Ill., Lay, Kan.

Corinth.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In THE NA-TIONAL TELEUNE of March 16 a comrade of the 12th Wis, battery, speaking of the battle of Corinth, Miss., says that the supporting regiments were the 10th Mo, and 48th Ind. In this be is mistaken. Our memories, it seems, s after a lapse of more than 25 years, are not always accurate as to details. The regiment associated with the 10th Me. at that time was the 56th Ill., and was formed immediately on the left of the 10th Mo. We called it the "boy rapid, but the same brave color-bearer walked | away, the riderless horse following. force which had so gallantly charged the fort | Pa. were driven across the open field on beyond the railroad, and the battle of Corinth had ended in a decisive victory for the most gallant of EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In a former did not then make them smile a bit.-J. A. engine which dashed at lightning speed into the many gallant leaders of the Army of the article I was particular to say that it was in- ARKLE, Co. I, 3d U. S. Cav., Wheeling, W. Va. the train bearing the soldiers. Two were killed few champions among the men who were with Rosecrans at Stone River, Perryville, luka and Corinth have risen up to shame his detractors, who seem to see "Chickamangu" in large black letters intervening between them and all of his other and more glorious achievements.-J.

The First Blood,

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: As hair-splitthe old comrades are the rage, with your permission I will give a brief account of the first blood drawn in the late war by the soldiers of the opposing armies.

written on the subject agree that the first blood was drawn at Philippi, W. Va., June 3, 1861, will show: On Saturday night, June 1, 1861, two scouls (one named Clark, the other one's name I never learned) made an attempt to enter Philippi, but were halted by a picket at the bridge spanning the river. Clark wheeled his horse and made his escape, the other was captured. Clark traveled in the direction of five miles be ran against a picket, who ordered him to halt, but instead he put spurs to his shot wild, one ball cutting away the tip end of | manly utterances of members of the 80th Ind., good his escape to McClellan's army, which

was then marching on Philippi. The writer was well acquainted with the man on picket, as I lived only three miles distant. The scouts belonged to one of the Ohio regireleased Monday morning following, by our soldiers driving the rebels out of Philippi .-W. S. WHELLER, Co. H, 10th W. Va., Hutchin-

SHELBY COLE.

Another Account of the Missouri Outlaws' Execu-

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Having read the letter of G. W. McKinney in your paper of TILL you kindly allow | recent date, relative to the execution of the me a little space to say | neted rebel bush whacker, Shelby Cole, at De my piece? The com- | Soto, Mo., I wish to speak of a few things which rades of the First Di- came under my observation in connection with

Corps, (Mower's,) have I think it took place in November, 1864. been hauling one The forces spoken of by Comrade McKinney another through the were under command of Gen. A. J. Smith. water and mud at Cole was captured late in the evening by a River's Bridge and squad of the 27th Iowa in charge of a Sergeant swearing by Fight- with whom I was well acquainted, but his name ing Joe Mower that has gone from memory. He was one of the they, each and every- best of men and very much of a gentleman. one, was the first to It was growing chilly as the evening advanced,

The prisoner then struck at the other guards On Feb. 3 the Fourth Division lay in camp and jumped from the open car, and while asabout two miles below River's Bridge, (so we | conding the railroad bank a glancing shot from understood, as we were not at the bridge,) and one of the guards stunned him so that he fell, at 1 o'clock p. in. orders came for every man to but recovering quickly he dodged under the have 60 rounds of ammunition. We then fell | car, and while running up the bank on the opin and marched down to the edge of the swamp. | poste side, one of the guards struck him on the We were informed there that we were expected | head with the butt of his musket, which rento cross that swamp and were not to speak, and | dered him unable to offer further resistance. were to make just as little noise as possible. They then tied him hand and foot, and when We then started in the 53d Ill, in advance. the train started the prisoner started and rolled We were told it was no use to try to keep dry. over and over and off. The train stopped and Gens. Smith and B. F. Potts were at the head | the prisoner was again secured. After which of our regiment, as was also our Colonel, Me- he was fastened to the bottom of the ear by Clanaban. For about two hours we kept on, bayonets, as stated by Comrade McKinney. sometimes on soft, mucky soil above water, but | The prisoner was hung the next day at noon oftener in water from one foot to four deep, by order of Gen. A. J. Smith. The manner of and oh! how we did want to yell! But we all execution was much the same as stated by realized that just then it was best not to in- | Comrade McKinney, only he was carried on a blanket from the depot to the place of execu-Just before we got to dry land our regiment | tion by four men, and while going it was told came into line, and Co. K was detailed as skir- that he gave three cheers for Gen. McCiellan,

Johnny pickets in a lane running along the | There can be no doubt but this Shelby Cole edge of the swamp, and I distinctly remember | was a dreadful man, and had killed as many running over a cooking outfit, with a half pre- | Union soldiers as he claimed, viz., 25. I was pared meal, but did not stop to sample it, as an eye-witness to this execution .- VETERAN.

Rappaliannock Station.



N your issue of March 15 appears another chapter upon the capture of Rappahannock Station, Nov. 7, 1863, written by Comrade H. E. Matthews, of the Gth Me. Now, Comrade Matthews, "the war is over," so I have only one round in my only one round in my

in upon their flank from the direction of

We went and we staid, too, until ammunithe Sixth Corps "took them in."

the Sixth Corps.-J. B. Potter, Sergeant, Co.

The Death of Gen. A. P. Hill.

2d of April, 1865, after the rebel works had been carried, a portion of the Second Brigade, Third Division, Sixth Corns, became separatthis point myself and Cav., Hillsboro, Ore. Daniel Wolford, of Co. F. 138th Pa., while attempting to return over

- a corduroy road leading regiment," because its membership was largely | through a swamp in the direction of where our made up of boys or very young men. I think own troops were, on a hill near the former line also that this was its first general engage- of the rebel works saw two men on horseback ment. At the time when Rogers's Texas Bri- coming from the direction of Petersburg, who gade was on the ramparts of Robinet, the 56th | had the appearance of officers. They advanced fell back some 20 rods in some confusion, when | toward us. We had just entered the swamp as the color-bearer deliberately executed an they came forward with cocked revolvers pointabout-face; marched alone to the line before ling at us. We ran to a large oak tree, which occupied by the regiment, and within 12 to 15 | was but a few feet from us. Seemingly by dirods of the rebelline, and planted his colors | rection of his superior, one of the officers rethere. The boys almost to a man returned to | mained behind, the other advancing, comthe same point and aligned on the colors. It manding us to surrender or he would shoot us, was a hot place, and after fighting desperately | saying also that a body of troops were advancfor some minutes the line again broke and fell | ing toward us, and that we would have to surback in disorder. At this juncture Gen, Rose- render. I said to Wolford in an undertone, crans, mounted on his little brown horse, so "Let us shoot them!" We immediately raised familiar to his soldiers, rode into their midst, our gues to our faces and fired, I bringing my I could not hear his words in the din of mus- man from his saddle. The other officer threw ketry and artillery which was then fierce and | himself forward on the horse's neck and rode

beside the General back to his old position, on | After joining our regiment I was summoned the prolongation of the 19th Mo. line, and again to brigade and corps headquarters to answer planted his flagstaff in the ground. The 56th | questions. After giving a statement of the afagain rallied to its colors, and Gen. Rosecrans, | fair, Gen. Wright asked me if I knew who I seeing that it had steadjed down to its work, had killed in the swamp. I answered that I rode away. The order to charge came almost did not. He said, "You have killed Gen. A. P. immediately, and the two regiments swept | Hill, of the Confederate army." (See official over the rising ground in front. To the north | report of Gen. J. W. Keifer.)-John W. Mauk, of Robinet the shattered remnants of the rebel | Sergeant, Co. F, 138th Pa., Cumberland Valley, | The Boy Spy's description of the other horses

Franklin Again.

one another, and gave it as my opinion that any regiment in the service was quite equal to any other one under the same circumstances. The living can speak for themselves, but I cannot forget the pallid features of Capts. Kemble and Bard, Serg'ts Wallace and Zeigier, and M. London, Lieutenant, 19th Mo., Macon, Mo. a score more of our men whose warm life-blood moistened the green turf inside our works. Their mute lips, cold and rigid in death, seem to appeal to us for vindication. They are charged with cowardice. It is only in defense ting articles in The National Tersune by of these that I was led to make any special mention of our regiment at all, and let the publie judge whether it is justifiable or not. It seems out of place after 25 years have passed to I believe all historians and others who have merits of different organizations. There lives keep up disputes among old soldiers as to the not a man who ever wore the blue and is entitled to be called a true soldier who would stoop but in this they are mistaken, as the following to utter a foul slander that includes the living and dead. The friends of those who gave their lives that the Nation might live are yet among us. While they still mourn their loss, they are proud of their record; and if in their defense I have made stronger claims for their organizaation or made more particular mention of its Clarksburg, distant 22 miles. After going about | tenuation the provocation. Our grievance is services than would seem proper, I arge in exhorse, darted past the picket, firing his revolver base insinuation belongs to one Conner, of the says that Quantrell first came from Kansas to at him as he passed. It being quite dark he | Second Brigade headquarters. Thanks to the

Every man who wore the blue, and every ments under McCleilan. The one captured was friend of his, should take THE NATIONAL a St. Louis paper which contained a proclamathan any other family weekly paper, and costs only two cents a week.

mony to cancel the base detraction .- S. PETTIT,

Lieutenant, Co. K, 104th Ohio, New Lisbon, O.

The Paw-Paw Fight.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE:



Paw fight. Lieut. A. Pearce, Co. C, 22d Ind., is right when he says the 18th, 22d and 26th Ind. were in that blunder that dark night; but while he tries to correct John Alexander, of Co. B, 18th Ind., he makes some mistakes himself, I think Alexander is 22d Ind, doing the first

There was a detail made from my comboat landed on the north side of the river the detail went ashere and went out across that cornfield into the timber, with orders to fire upon the first squad of men they saw, without halting. I think this detail was all of the 18th Ind. Ours was the first boat that landed, and our pickets were in the advance. They had gone a considerable distance up in the timber when the detail from the 22d Ind., with the Maj. Tanner at their head, came along with same orders that the 18th Ind. picket had, and when Maj. Tanner saw our boys (mistaking them for rebels) he gave the command, "Halt! front-fire!" Our boys returned the fire and shot Maj. Tanuer through just above the horn

town we were to advance on that night, as we had landed on the north side of the river, and we had passed Glassco before night, which was on the south bank of the river. I will now call on Ab. Edwards, of Co. H,

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In the Fall of '63 the 5th Iowa Cav. were ordered out on cartridge-box to fire some expedition to make certain that there count of the death of Shelby Cole. The night of Nov. 6 it became my duty to F, the Iowa German company of the regiment, to see in The NATIONAL TRIBUNE an account Early in the morning of the 7th the officer in one-quarter mile in advance of the regiment. Island, Tex., in November, 1863. command directed that we "advance as skir- But as no one supposed that there was an W. H. H. Coolidge, Sergeant, Co. E, 106th N. mishers in the direction of Bealeton Station, enemy anywhere in that region, they were Y., Augusta, Wis., after his release from Belle radually closing as we advanced"; which we | careless about the rule and were at least a mile | Isle got as far as Martinsburg, where he fell ill. proceeded to do. Arriving at Bealeton with in advance and riding carelessly along singing He was nursed back to health and strength by writes that the County in which she resides is 200 men, we proceeded to the scene of contro- some of the war songs of the day, Capt. C-e a family named Shoemaker, of whom he has eminently fitted for a sojourning-place for versy, where we were warmly welcomed as riding at the head of the company and Corp'l not heard since the war. He would like to old soldiers. Her hasband, who was in bad uninvited guests. Here the officer in command | Joe a short distance in the rear to see that no | have the opportunity to express his gratitude | health at the time of his arrival, has improved (I have forgotten who he was) from some cause one straggled. The weather was warm and the towards his kind nurses. occame unable to continue in command, and | Corporal was fat, and, thinking it a good time turned it over to me, together with his orders, to rest, was riding sidewise, his thoughts wanwhich were to advance upon the front of the dering back to his sweetheart and Faderland. fort until we arrived at the place where an old | It was while the force was riding on a downhouse had burned down, and engage the enemy, | hill grade in a narrow lane, with just room and stay there until the Sixth Corps charged enough for two to ride abreast comfortably and a pretty deep washout at each side, hill, hidden by the brush, was a scouting party tion got so scarce that the Johnnies loaded of rebel cavalry with a one-gun battery. They their cannon with railroad spikes, until the | had observed the approach of Co. F. and seeing chimneys of the old house-still standing- no others, thought it was a small sconting couldn't stand any longer, but came down with | party of the Yanks, and concluded to wake a crash, from a well-directed shot from the | them up. The first intimation of an enemy fort. Fortunately this was anticipated, and | was the report of the cannon and the schreechno one was hurt by it; but it deprived us of | ing of the shell over our heads, bursting pretty all shelter, and made "staying" undesirable. | close to Corp'l Joe. Every horse about-faced Still, we staid and kept up the skirmish until | and started for the rear, not waiting for orders, I really must say that I thought then and | for Joe"; for as his horse wheeled around, hethink yet that from some cause that Sixth | sitting on sidewise-was thrown flat upon his Corps was an hour too late or we were an hour | face across the road, and before he could retoo early to make things join just right; for | cover from his astonishment the horses of his most of our losses were after I had almost tired | comrades had commenced to jump over him. of looking in the direction of Beverly Ford for | Fearing the feet of the horses, Joe hugged his N the morning of the distance between company and Captain, and rear, and the rebs were getting the range and ed from the main body | wait for Joe to gather himself out of the way. and pushed forward to | He yells out the command," Stoop a leetle, Joe; the railroad and a I chumps too." And Joe "stooped a leetle," wagon-road running and the Captain and borse went over successparallel, or nearly so, fully. The whole party escaped without inwith the railroad. At | jury .- R. CRANDALL, Captain, Co. I., 5th Iowa



HE "Boy Spy's" life at TIONAL TRIBUNE, certainly could not be plainly shows that he was there. His description also of the horses is true to life, and especially old "Squeezer," He was a terror to re-

The gare cruits during the years 1862 and 1863, and his name and rascally tricks were well known and taiked over throughout the Regular mounted service for years. I had a hard fight with him in March, 1863, in which he nearly killed me at the picket-line one evening at "stables." but I got him down at last on the ground and sat on his neck. All the officers of the garrison were looking on and the commanding officer ordered "Squeezer's" head to be tied as high as he could reach during "stables," for punishment. His career in the Regular Army ended during the robel raid into Pennsylvania, at the time of the burning of Chambersburg; but I have forgotten the exact circumstances. and the Sergeauts is just as true, and will bring a smile to many an old soldier's face in remind-

QUANTRELL'S GANG.

The Survivors Hold a Reunion in Missouri.

The most remarkable Reunion of veterans of States was held at Blue Springs, Mo., May 11. The veterans, however, are veteran cutthroats, ex-members of Quantrell's band. Mrs. Quantrell, mother of the guerrilla leader, was in attendance, having arrived from Canal Dover. O., with W. W. Scott, editor of The Iron Valley Reporter. Among the leaders of the

he had, single-handed, killed in combat over 100 Union soldiers. Over 25 other members of the band were present. They were glad to see each other and talked freely of the murderous raids and wild scenes of 25 years ago. They are a rough, grizzled set of men and this

About a dozen of the band were present in 1865 in Louisville when Quantrell wat buried.

SEE the comrades are bringing up the Paw-Personal.

right in regard to the and Sumner S. William H., who was wounded pany (H), 18th Ind., that night. When the out the ball which had necessitated the ampu-

was driven into his petticoat. mustered out in November, 1865.

How the 26th Ind. boys got out there, or who they went with, I do not know. I know that they were out there in that timber, and some of them got shot. Our company (H) helped carry some of them to the boat. The watchword that night was "Indiana and the Union," but after the shooting had taken place the boys up in that timber had lengthened it out a little by saying, "Indiana and the Union; don't shoot

Lieut. Pearce is mistaken in the name of the

18th Ind., to tell what he knows about the Paw-Paw fight up the Missouri River above Glassco as he was one of the men detailed and in the advance when fired upon. Ab, if you are still alive, come to the front and tell us all about it. -H. C. DENNY, Co. H, 18th Ind., Comanche,

Have you asked all your acquaintances to subscribe for THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE? If not, do so at once, to give the paper more power in championing the cause of the veterans.

"Stoop a Little."

was no enemy in our immediate vicinity. Co. that this incident occurred. At the foot of the trary. Joe's horse in the advance. But, "Oh, no, not mother earth very closely, if not affectionately. Capt. C-e had been a little in advance of the company, so that upon wheeling around it left him correspondingly in the rear. His horse not being as fast as the others, by the time Co. F had jumped Joe there was quite a Joe thought it was about time to "get up and git." But just as he had assumed the all-fours position the Captain was ready to pass to the fring as fast as they could load their one gun. The Captain was in too much of a hurry to

Old "Squeezer,"



Carlisle Barracks, in a recent issue of THE NAmore truly set forth and wishes to inquire why none of the comrades of

ing them of events occurring at that time that

is the first Rennion ever held by them.

Among the prominent ones who were absent are Frank James, George Shepherd, the train robber; Allen Palmer, Cole Younger and "Jim" Younger. The three first named are in the Min-"only this and nothing more." The most un- | nesota penitentiary. Many of them are wealthy. enviable notoriety of giving currency to the and these nearly all live in Missouri. Gregg Missouri to steal slaves and stock. He was at first associated with only three men, whose one of the picket's little fingers. Clark made 16th Ky. and others, we have abundant testiconspired with the other two against Quantrell. The latter discovered the plot and killed all three one night. In the first year of the war, while Quantrell and his band were camped on the Little Blue River, one of the men brought in TRIBUNE. It gives more and better matter | tion of Gen. Halleck declaring Quantrell and | which he did, the gun going off with a loud his men outlaws. The very next day the band | noise. Orders had been given that no rifle began murdering Union soldiers and kept it up | should be discharged. He was promptly aruntil the close of the war.

PICKET SHOTS.

From Alert Comrades All Along the

Capt. J. L. Kirk, Windsor, Ill., was one of a family of seven who served in the war. The father's name was Alexander, and the brothers George W., William H., James F., Francis M., in battle, watched the amputation of his own leg, and when the stump was dressed probed with a knife in the severed member and got

R. H. McElhinny, Co. F, 13th Pa. Cav., Wilson, Kan., left his father and gray-haired mother to the care of an only sister, and entered the army, where he stayed until Jeff Davis A. C. Griffin, Co. G, 54th Ill., Carlisle, Ind.,

enlisted in 1861 at the age of 17 years, and was L. Rifenburg, Co. I, 76th N. Y., Woodruff, Kan., was put in the guardhouse at Albany, N. Y., for complaining of the bad food they had given them there. He was fed on bread and water for three days, but says that it was

E. D. Ball, Co. G, 14th N. H., Island Pond, Vt., enlisted in his 16th year, and came out of the army a brokendown man, for which he receives the munificent pension of \$8 a month. David L. Houghton, Co. F. 8th Mich., Owl Run, Va., was one of a family of six-father and five sons-who served in the Union army. C. S. Clogston, Barton, Vt., enlisted in Sep-

supplied by the army contractor.

tember, 1861, and was with the 4th Vt. in every fight until he was discharged in July, 1865. Daniel Cole, Co. A, 27th Iowa, Oberlin, Kan., writing in regard to the hanging of Shelby Cole, says that the train was not moving rapidly at the time of the murder of Serg't Treat, but was standing at the entrance of the tunnel on the Iron Mountain Road.

William Jones, Dale, Ind., had his valise broken open at Stephenson, Ala., in 1864, and one suit of clothes taken therefrom, together with his commission as Captain of Co. G, 10th C. H. Wires, Co. L, 1st Ind. H. A., Saltilloville, Ind., wishes his regiment to have some of

the honors it is entitled to for the help it rendered at Fort Blakely. John Feechen, Co. E, 50th Ill., says the 50th Ill, did not fall back at 5 o'clock in the evening of the first battle of Corinth, Miss., but held their line until 7, and then fell back him that they belonged to the Second Brigade, and formed a new line near the Tishomingo | Third Division. House, which was held until the next day at 4

J. F. McCullough, Co. A, 174th N. Y., Rosewood, Tex., indorses Comrade McKinney's ac-H. H. Martin, Center Point, Iowa, would like act as Sergeant of the Fifth Corps pickets. | was in the advance, with orders to keep about | of the capture of the rebel garrison at Mustang

Random Shots.

Francis Marshall, Co. C, 97th Ill., Deer Plain, Ill., writes that his regiment was at Blakely and participated in the charge on the 9th of April, 1865, notwithstanding what Comrade Bollinger, Co. K, 48th Ohio, says to the con-J. U. Zest, Co. C. Cole's (Md.) Cav., York,

Pa., informs the readers of The National TRIBUNE that the spy Richardson was hanged about three miles from Frederick, Md., on the farm of Col. W. B. Malshy. Alexander W. Terrell, Co. I. 42d Ohio, Attica. Kan, contends that the rebel prisoners at Camp

Chase were treated with the greatest humanity and kindness. C. L. Hewitt, Co. I, 7th Minn., Barnesville, Minn., while en route for Mobile on the steamer Magenta saved a comrade-G. W. Wilson-who had imperfect vision, from stepping overboard

in the night. David S. Cornell, Eau Claire, Wis., while on the march from Atlanta to the sea started on a foraging expedition, and in a by-road came across 10 Union soldiers who had been caught | would like to know what disposition was made by Mosby's guerrillas and murdered. On the tree from which the bodies were suspended were these words: "We will serve all the damned Yanks we catch in this manner."

N. Patterson, Secretary, 32d Ohio Association, Normal, Ill., calls upon all members of that organization to send in their names, as there is a movement on foot for a Reunion of the regiment at Columbus, O., during the G.A.R. Encampment. He has already received 230 names, and hopes to be able to enlarge the list.

B. Cole, Pittsburg, Pa., writes that the monuburg by the 62d Pa. has been accepted by the Commissioners of Monuments, and will be placed in position July 1. In answer to Henry Stokes, 5th Ill. Cav.,

never camped at Natchez, Miss, C. W. McConkey, 5th Ill. Cav., Oakland, Ill. never in Winslow's Brigade, says it certainly claim rejected. He thinks this hard, especially was in that brigade during the siege of Vicks-

L. E. Crosby, Co. H. 42d Wis., would like to know at what time and place the 116th Wis. was organized.

In answer to Col. J. B. Dodge, regarding the Sergeant's squad that fell in line with the 30th Ind. at Shiloh, W. C. Darnold, Co. E, 71st Ohio, Butte, Mont., replies that the said soldiers were from the 54th Ohio. C. H. Chelker, Co. K, 73d Ohio, Hope, Kan.,

his regiment have anything to say through THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE in regard to their warlike exploits. A. D. Robinson, Co. E. 45th Ky., Warren, W. Va., in reply to inquiries as to whether the bodies of Maj. Hall and his band of scouts, who fell near Chapman, W. Va., in the Summer of 1862, were ever removed, says that the Major's

remains were taken to Mount Pleasant, W. Va.,

but he cannot say as to the others. The attacking party of rebels was under the command of Col. Witcher. T. J. Montgomery, Co. C, 10th Ind. Cav., Enon, O., writes that 24 years ago this May the 10th Ind. Cav., while on its way South on the L. & N. R. R., about five miles north of Galatin, Tenn., was purposely run into by a construction train. The engineer and fireman, after pulling the throttle valves wide open, jumped from the

and 75 badly wounded. J. U. Darrow, Cos. K and F, 12th Ill. Cav., Geno Junction, Wis., would like to be informed if there is any intention of holding a general Reunion of the 12th and 4th Ill. Cav. The scheme was proposed at the St. Louis Encampthe war that has ever taken place in the United | ment, but he has not heard anything about it |

B. F. Burton, Cisne, Ill., in reply to A. W. Chapin, Co. B, 4th Hl. Cav., in regard to his statement of the 5th III, being at Natchez, Miss., would like to know when that regiment was ever stationed there, as he (Burton) was a member thereof and served with it from 1861 to band present were W. H. Gregg, Quantrell's 1865, and was only absent therefrom three First Lieutenant, who boasted at one time that | months during 1863, soon after the surrender of

> William Edwards, Co. G, 18th Pa. Cav., Lime Ridge, Pa., thinks the soldier-hating Members who have found their way into the National Congress through false promises will soon be discharged from their comfortable berths. Every reader of THE NATIONAL TRIBUSE sending their F. W. Frost, Emerson, Ga., informs comrades who are seeking a change of location that

give them information in regard to the locality in which he has settled. He is much pleased with his new home and thinks it a place which will benefit the health of old soldiers. L. E. Mills, Co. K. 16th Mich., Brooks, Mich. would like to hear from some of his comrades W. J. Brown, Co. B. 1st W. Va. Cav., Elm Grove, W. Va., claims his regiment was in the

if they will address him, with stamps, he will

advance in the charge at Monterey. C. M. Castle, Co. D. 102d Ill., Page Center, Iowa, while lying at Shelbyville was, with a number of comrades, ordered to draw the load from his gun and "clean up." He drew the ball and some powder, and not being able to blow through the nipple, was ordered by the Lieutenant to put on a cap and pull the trigger, rested for disobedience of orders, and protested |

that he had acted by the order of his officer, who, however, stoutly denied giving such order, and the comrade was, in consequence, obliged to march around a tree with a rail on

his shoulder for 30 minutes. J. N. Fowler, Co. F, 47th Ill., Langdon, Kan., was captured with several comrades while on a foraging expedition in the vicinity of Vicksburg and taken to Richmond, where he re-

mained some months in Libby. Henry K. Rugh, Co. I, 21st Mo., Azen, Mo., writes that in his company there were no

less than 23 sets of brothers, besides several fathers and sons. J. H. Martindale, Co. F, 142d N. Y., Murray, Iowa, requests the somrade who had a sunstroke while on the march in Virginia in 1863, shortly after the battle of Gettysburg, to write to him. The writer suffered similarly at the

assist in securing a pension. L. F. Smith, Co. G, 27th Iowa, Chico, Cal., sends an account of the capture and execution

same time. He wishes to get information to

of Shelby Cole. Julius Wolff, 7th Ill., Marydel, Kan., lost a Henry rifle, with his name, company and regiment engraved on a brass plate on the butt. W. A. Neal, 1st Mo. Engineers, Elkhart, Ind., is at present the historian of the 1st Mo. Engineers, and wishes the name and address of every man and officer who served in that regiment, or the 25th Mo. He would also like, as far as possible, to procure the names of those who have died.

A. B. Drake, Clay Center, Kan., heartily indorses the suggestion that the Grand Army sumptuous compared with the wretched food | Posts contribute stones for the Logan monu-F. R. Tenesdell, Co. G. 13th Mich, Clyde,

> Kan., would like to hear from some of his com-J. G. Newell, Cogswell battery, Redfield, Iowa, thinks that the account of the taking of Fort Blakely and Spanish Fort by A. V. Ken-

> drick the most correct he has yet read. E. M. Carter, Co. B. 85th Ohio, in reply to inquiries as to how rebel prisoners were treated at Camp Chase, says they were given good, comfortable quarters; rations of fresh beef were issued seven times a week, and they were treated in every way as well as their guards. H. E. Matthews, San Francisco, Cal., indorses the statement of "Corporal," 47th Pa., in THE

> NATIONAL TRIBUNE of April 12, in regard to the action at Rappahannock Station. John Henry, Co. E, 8th Ill. Cav., Amery. Wis., thinks of removing to the South or South west, and would be glad to correspond with some comrades in regard to climate, etc.

Walter H. Parcels, Lewistown, Pa., has a revolver, found upon the battlefield of Gettysburg, bearing the name of C. A. Parcels. In answer to Marvin Malone, as to what brigade and division of the Ninth Corps the 1st Mich. Sharpshooters were assigned, John Hanover, Co. G. 1st Mich. Sharpshooters, informs

E. M. Benson, Co. G. 8th Ohio, Nelson, Neb., does not like the constant contentions of comrades as to who performed this, that and the other feat of valor. He considers these acts were only rendered possible by circumstances and the bravery of surrounding comrades.

Henry T. Sanford, Co. F, 16th N. Y., Albany, N. Y., writes that his grandfather, father, three brothers and himself were all in the Union service as officers and men. Mrs. Mattie A. Arkabarner, Crystal River,

very much. All kinds of vegetables and fruits grow in profusion, and a good market is found | 29 for all that can be raised. Wm. N. Regan, Minneapolis, Minn., informs the readers of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE that a monumental association has been organized in that city for the purpose of creeting a soldiers' monument there at an expenditure of from

from any similar associations, in order to fa-

miliarize himself with the best means of conducting the affairs of the association. Joseph McNelly, Seymour, Ind., would like to have some comrades write him in regard to the expedition at Jenkins's Ferry, Ark., April 30, 1864; also about the campaign of Mobile

and Parker's Crossroads, Tenn. J. R. Mullin, Constableville, N. Y., says that in the Spring of 1862, when the Army of the Potomac moved, Gen. Blenker's Division was ordered to go into light marching order, and all the knapsacks were left in camp, with the names of the owners, companies and regiments marked upon them. Subsequently all the property was taken to Washington. The writer

Give Them Their Due. Edwin Pike, Co. B, 33d Wis., Bascobel, Wis., considers that now is the time when the Na-

stand up and assert themselves in behalf of their rights. L. F. Parrish, Co. G. 17th Iowa, Ravanna, Mo., considers it strange that a surviving army mule or horse should be now looked upon as an almost sacred animal, while the soldiers who gave up home and all else dear to battle ment to be erected on the battlefield of Gettys- | for their country should be left out in the cold. S. P. Conner, Willow Springs, Mo., considers it a great error to have so many pension bills looking to the relief of Union soldiers introduced in Congress. It is, in his opinion, a Coltersville, Ill., W. Chapin, Co. B, 5th Ill. | waste of time, and it would be far better to in-Cav., writes that the 5th Ill. Cav., as a regiment, | troduce one bill and get all the friends of the

tion's defenders are compelled in honor to

oldiers to support it. L. W. Story, who enlisted when 26 years old answering James A. Walker, Co. B, 4th Iowa a sound man, is to-day a brokendown one at Cav., who claimed that the 5th Ill. Cav. was | the age of 58, and has just had his pension as so many people not in want of their daily bread have lately been receiving such munificent pensions at the hands of the Government.

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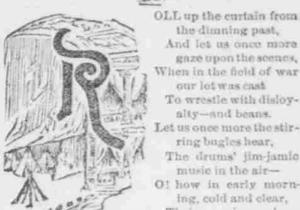
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gaze upon the scenes, When in the field of war OF PURE COD LIVER OIL our lot was cast To wrestle with disloyalty-and beans. Let us once more the stir-Almost as Palatable as Milk. ring bugles hear, The drums' jim-jamic music in the air-Of how in early morning, cold and clear, Their rousing echoes used to make us

the dimning past,

Roll it yet further up-pray do not hide One seene from view, no matter what it be; E'en though it shows us how we used to glide Like blue-clad phantoms up the lafty tree, In search of chickens, in the moon's soft gleam, In violation of strict martial laws,

And how we'd leave-as tokens of esteem-

The bosoms of our pants in building's jaws.

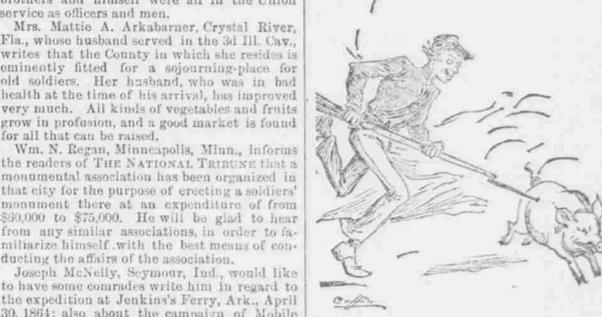
How, often, when our warlike eyes could find No enemy to charge, with martial gait We'd charge a smoke-house, each combative mind Bent on the hams we fain would confiscate, And when the owner threatened leaden pills, And hinted at a shot-gun lurking night, We'd pay him cash-in advertising bilis,

That looked like money to the unschooled eye. Methinks I vet can hear the final squeal Of dying hog, as on the ground it lay, And see the assassin wipe the bayonet steel That through the perker let the light of day. And when the meat in haversacks was stored,

Our steps toward the camp we would direct,

Singing some hymn of praise unto the Lord,

So officers our game would not suspect.



How often have we asked to be excused From duty by the Surgeon, and he ne'er To place us on the "sick list" once refused When hint of "foraging" would greet his ear. Then off plantationward we'd nimbly hie, Excused from guard, fatigue and tiresome drill, And on returning seek bim on the sly, And with fat chickens pay our doctor bill,

How often, comrades, have we firm resolved That we would cease to make the Sutler rich, By in his debt becoming deep involved For store boots, elder, ginger-snaps, "and sich." Then ere a week again we'd fall from grace, Our ironclad resolutions swept away, And stand on pay-day with a scowling face



Do you remember, boys, when on a raid The rations would give out, and hunger came, How in our blankets wide awake we've hid And snored, while eyes peered forth in search of

"Eame"; And when the camp was in unconscious sleep, Without one conscientious reprimand, Like robbers from our blankets we would creep And rifle haversacks with wanton hand?

Then in the morning, when the owners woke And missed the grub they'd saved so carefully, Their oaths upon the air in volleys broke Till all seemed wrapped in wild profanity. And there we'd stand with frank and open face And say 'twee mean, and that the thleving scamp Who would his honest manhood so disgrace

More than deserved to be drummed out of camp-



Of course, you all remember when we strayed Far from the camp out through the leafy wood, And found in shaded nook a nut-brown maid Reclining in a graceful attitude; How by her side a grassy seat we'd seek,

Nor would she meet us with unwelcome frown, And how we'd whisper love, and-Well, that's cheek ! The modest fool has rolled the curtain down,

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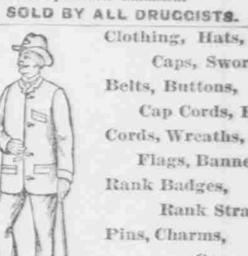
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